Security lapse at Coimbatore airport

1630. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether security lapse has been reported at the Coimbatore airport as nearly 25 approach light fittings on the runway were found missing recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount lost in the theft; and

(d) the steps taken by the authority to avoid such happenings?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) An incident of theft was reported at Coimbatore Airport on 27.1.2002 in which 25 approach light fittings/bulbs were found missing. The entire stolen property worth Rs. 50,000/- has since been recovered.

(d) Central Industrial Security Force is now regularly patrolling around the perimeter wall.

Civil Aviation Training Academy in Bangalore

1631. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Civil Aviation Training Academy in Southern part of the country;

(b) whether Kamataka Government has offered 50 acre of land for setting up the Academy in Bangalore; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) M/s. Deccan Aviation Limited has been issued an initial No Objection Certificate (NOC) by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for establishment of Helicopter Flying Institute at Jakkur Aerodrome. The Government of

Kamataka have allotted the land on lease measuring 200 feet x 200 feet on rent basis for the propose.

New airports in private sector

1632. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared any proposal for setting up of any new airport projects in private sector in the country;

(b) if so, the location-wise details thereof;

(c) the details of proposals received by Government from private sector so far; and

(d) by when these projects are likely to be cleared and completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Airports with private sector participation are being established at Shamshabad near Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh) and Devanahalli near Bangalore (Kamataka). The two airport projects, promoted by the respective State Governments on a joint venture basis with Private Sector Participation, have reached the stage wherein Preferred Bidder in the case of Shamshabad, and the Private Promoter in the case of Devanahalli, have already been selected. The construction of a new airport in MOPA in Goa is also proposed to be undertaken by the State Government with private sector participation.

(c) No proposals have been received from private sector for development of airports so far.

(d) Does not arise.

Signing of bilaterals by AI

1633. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has signed a record number of bilaterals with the airlines operating in the Gulf Countries in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and